

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. To pre-empt regular broadcasting with a 90-minute attack (containing proven inaccuracies), against a presidential candidate is absolutely outrageous and it's illegal. It clearly constitutes an in-kind contribution to the Bush-Cheney campaign.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line (and what represents station owners political opinion) and less of what we need for democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. I demand that the FCC act to block this clearly illegal campaign by Sinclair Broadcasting. Thank you.